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1. DURING 24 MARCH MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER LOPATIN,
SCICOUNS DELIVERED O'LEARY LETTER FOR MINISTER
NEPOROZHNIY ON COOPERATION IN ENERGY INFORMATION AND
FORECASTING (REFTEL) LOPATIN SAID THAT LETTER WOULD BE
TAKEN DIRECTLY TO MINISTER NEPOROZHNIY, WHO WILL RESPOND
WITHIN A WEEK.

2. TO SCICOUNSELOR'S QUESTION ON STATUS OF SOVIET RESPONSE
TO U.S. PROPOSALS, LOPATIN SAID THAT HE, YATROV, AND
GOSPLAN HAVE BEEN WORKING "VERY HARD" ON THE PROPOSALS,
AND WILL HAVE RESPONSE READY BY 1 MAY AS AGREED.

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LOPATIN SAID THE SOVIET RESPONSE WOULD BE POSITIVE.

3. LOPATIN COMMENTED THAT THE SOVIETS FORESEE COOPERATION
ON ENERGY INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROCEEDING ALONG THE
FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) AN EARLY EXCHANGE OF PUBLISHED INFORMATION. LOPATIN

NOTED HERE THAT THE DATA EXCHANGED MUST BE SCRUPULOUSLY CORRECT, BASED ON PROVEN FACTS, AND OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS. HE NOTED THAT THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF FORECASTS FLOATING AROUND BASED ON INCOMPLETE INFORMATION AND INVOLVING A LARGE ELEMENT OF "FANTASY", THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO NO ONE. SCICOUNS ASKED AT THIS POINT WHETHER ENERGY INFORMATION ON THE SOVIET FIVE AND FIFTEEN YEAR PLANS, AS NOTED IN THE O'LEARY LETTER, WERE PUBLISHED AND WOULD BE PROVIDED TO US. LOPATIN RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY.

(B) WITH REGARD TO UNPUBLISHED INFORMATION, LOPATIN NOTED THIS WAS A DIFFICULT QUESTION AND THAT SOVIETS WILL SUGGEST THAT BOTH SIDES GET TOGETHER TO CAREFULLY DELINEATE THE SUBSTANCE AND MODALITIES OF SUCH EXCHANGES.

4. COMMENT - THE EMBASSY HAS HEARD PREVIOUSLY IN INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH SCST, GOSPLAN AND MIN POWER REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SOVIETS ARE HAVING PROBLEMS IN RESPONDING TO THE U.S. REQUEST. THE SOVIETS IN THE OTHER SPECIALIZED BILATERALS HAVE ALMOST UNIVERSALLY ADHERED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF EXCHANGING ONLY OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED INFORMATION, CLEARED SPECIFICALLY FOR RELEASE TO FOREIGNERS. LOPATIN'S COMMENTS MAY BE AN EARLY WARNING THAT THE SOVIETS INTEND TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THIS PRINCIPLE IN THE PROPOSED ENERGY INFORMATION AND FORECASTING EXCHANGES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE ARE INTRIGUED HOWEVER, BY HIS STATEMENT THAT ENERGY INFORMATION IN THE SOVIET FIFTEEN YEAR PLAN WILL BE PROVIDED (WE HAVE PRACTICALLY NOTHING ON THE FIFTEEN YEAR PLAN TO DATE.) TOON

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